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In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17 has been amended as follows:

A significant solution to this problem is described in U.S. Patent Application ~~Application Serial~~ No. 6,551,747 to Gan ~~09/560,060~~ entitled Sandwich Cathode Design For Alkali Metal Electrochemical Cell With High Rate Capability by Gan et al., which is assigned to the assignee of the current invention and is incorporated herein by reference. This application describes a new sandwich electrode design using silver vanadium oxide (SVO) and a fluorinated carbon (CF_x). An exemplary sandwich electrode has the following configuration: